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OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE.

PRESIDING BISHOP—Luther B. Wilson, LL. D., Chattanooga, Tenn.

SECRETARY—W. E. Harrison, Gloster, Miss.

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ASSISTANT STATISTICAL SECRETARY—J. W. Hervey, Auburn, Miss.

TREASURER—N. H. Oliver, China, La.

ASSISTANTS—B. W. Hugg, Crowley, La.; M. C. Hickman, Hammond, La.

CONFERENCE BOARDS.

CHURCH EXTENSION—President, Pastor at Lake Charles; Secretary, C. A. King; T. T. Taylor, W. P. Dunn, G. B. Woolman, C. E. Scott, W. E. Cline, B. F. Deaton, Pastors at Jennings and Welsh, La., and the Presiding Elders.

EXAMINERS—G. B. Hines, E. R. Houck, Wm. R. Chase, A. E. Ryan, N. H. Oliver, H. H. McCain, John Paul, W. E. Harrison and J. R. Basket.

STEWARDS—C. A. King, J. W. Lively, Wm. R. Chase, G. B. Hines, J. R. Basket, H. H. McCain, John Paul, N. H. Oliver, A. E. Ryan and E. R. Houck.

TRIERS OF APPEALS—C. A. King, J. W. Lively, H. H. McCain, John Paul and G. B. Hines.

AGGRESSIVE EVANGELISM—Wm. R. Chase, John Paul, J. R. Basket, H. H. McCain and W. C. Mann.

SELF-SUPPORT—H. H. McCain, Wm. R. Chase and J. R. Basket.

COMMISSION ON BOUNDARIES—Same as Triers of Appeals.

TO PREACH MISSIONARY SERMON—M. C. Hickman; Alternate, E. R. Houck.

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1905-06.

- I. American Bible Society—J. W. Hervey, J. A. Christian, W. J. Wood.
- II. Auditing Presiding Elders' Accounts—N. H. Oliver, John H. Paul, J. R. Basket.
- III. Book Concern and Periodicals—J. F. Ragsdale, T. E. Webb, A. E. Ryan.
- IV. Board of Church Extension—C. A. King, N. L. Sayers, N. Shows.
- V. Conference Relations—John H. Paul, J. R. Basket, W. E. Harrison.
- VI. Education—J. R. Basket, T. E. Webb, T. F. Swanson.
- VII. Episcopal Fund—The Presiding Elders.
- VIII. Epworth League—G. B. Hines, D. H. Cassels, B. W. Hugg.
- IX. Freedman's Aid and Southern Education—W. C. Mann, J. A. Carruth, J. C. Orcutt.
- X. Memoirs—J. W. Tinnin, W. E. Harrison, B. F. Deaton.
- XI. Missions—W. E. Harrison, J. W. La Grone, N. L. Sayers.
- XII. Public Worship—The Pastor and Presiding Elders.
- XIII. Publishing the Minutes—The Secretaries.
- XIV. Resolutions—F. D. Van Valkenburgh, Louis May, J. A. Carruth.
- XV. Sabbath Observance—A. E. Ryan, J. W. Tinnin, M. C. Hickman.
- XVI. State of Church—M. C. Hickman, R. R. Smith, Corwin Taylor.
- XVII. Sunday Schools and Tracts—N. H. Oliver, J. W. Hervey.
- XVIII. Temperance—E. R. Houck, J. W. Niell, Wm. Hebert.

ROLL OF HONORED DEAD.

"HENCEFORTH THERE IS LAID UP FOR ME A
CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS."--ST. PAUL.

OUR FATHERS AND BROTHERS

Walter Zimmerman.
Ira N. Pardee.
P. C. Cheney.

CONFERENCE ROLL 1905-06.

Note—The figures on the left of the name indicate the year of admission into the traveling connection.

Year	Name.	Nativity.	Address.
1902	Basket, J. R.	Tennessee	Jennings, La.
1888	Chase, Wm. R.	Ohio	1537 Calliope St., New Orleans, La.
1904	Coppedge, I. J.	Texas	Coffeeville, Tex.
....	Crawford, R. L.	Ohio	
....	Deaton, B. F.	Tennessee	Lake Charles, La
1902	Harrison, W. E.	Louisiana	Gloster, Miss.
1903	Hervey, J. W.	Texas	Auburn, Miss.
1900	Hines, G. B.	Texas	Lake Charles, La.
....	Hickman, M. C.	West Virginia	Hammond, La.
....	Houck, E. R. ....	.....	Welsh, La.
1902	Hugg, B. W.	New Jersey	Crowley, La.
1898	James, J. T.	Virginia	Staunton, Va.
1859	King, C. A.	Maine	Lake Charles, La.
....	Lively, J. W.	Arkansas	Marshall, Tex.
1902	Mann, W. C.	Texas	Hugh Springs, Tex.
1900	McCain, H. H.	Louisiana	Hugh Springs, Tex.
....	Oliver, N. H.	Pennsylvania	China, La.
1900	Paul, John	Louisiana	Marshall, Tex.
1904	Ragsdale, J. F.	Texas	Winnsboro, Tex.
....	Robidoux, P. J.	Canada .....	... Crowley, La.
....	Ryan, A. E.	Kansas	Port Arthur, Tex.
....	Sayers, N. L.	Pennsylvania	Plaquemine, La.
....	VanValkenburgh, F.D.	New York	New Orleans, La.
....	Wilson, T.	Ireland	Sabine Pass, Tex.
....	Woodson, J.	Tennessee	Jefferson, Tex.

PROBATIONERS.

Second Year.

1904	Carruth, J. A.	Mississippi	Estherwood, La.
1903	May, Louis	Louisiana	Iowa, La.
1905	Swanson, T. F.	Louisiana	Troup, Tex.
1905	Webb, T. E.	Tennessee	Shelbyville, Tex.

First Year.

1905	La Grone, J. W.	Texas	1537 Calliope St., New Orleans, La.
1905	Niell, J. W.	Texas	Poland, La.
1904	Smith, R. R.	Texas	Harleton, Tex.
1905	Weldon, R. L.	Louisiana	Woodville, Tex.
1905	Wood, W. J.	Mississippi	Rosedale, La.

CONFERENCE CHRONOLOGY.

GULF MISSION.

Year	Time.	Place.	Bishop.	Secretary.
1893	Jan. 19..	Jennings, La.....	E. G. Andrews.....	C. K. Woodson.
1894	Jan. 25..	Lake Charles, La.	Jas. N. FitzGerald.	C. K. Woodson.
1895	Jan. 24..	Crowley, La.....	J. M. Walden.....	C. K. Woodson.
1896	Jan. 23..	Jennings, La.	Thos. Bowman.....	C. K. Woodson.

GULF MISSION CONFERENCE.

1897	Jan. 21..	Jennings, La.	J. M. Walden.....	C. K. Woodson.
1898	Feb. 3..	Crowley, La.	W. X. Ninde.....	C. K. Woodson.
1899	Feb. 2..	Lake Charles, La..	S. M. Merrill.....	C. K. Woodson.
1900	Feb. 1..	Marshall, Tex.	I. W. Joyce.....	L. W. Elkins.
1901	Jan. 17..	Jennings, La.	H. W. Warren.....	C. W. Campbell.
1902	Jan. 30..	Lake Charles, La..	C. D. Foss.....	C. W. Campbell.
1903	Feb. 5..	Port Arthur, Tex..	W. F. Mallalieu....	C. C. Morris.

GULF ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

1904	Feb. 4..	Hughes Spr'gs, Tex.	W. F. Mallalieu....	John Paul.
1905	Feb. 2..	Gloster, Miss.	H. Spellmeyer.....	F. F. Fitch.
1905	Dec. 1..	Welsh, La.	L. B. Wilson.....	W. E. Harrison.

PROGRAM.

THURSDAY, NOV. 30.

Examination of Classes.

7:00 o'clock p.m.—Conference Reception.

7:30—Song Service.....Rev. J. R. Basket

8:00—Address of Welcome for the Citizens.....Dr. J. H. Cooper

Response for the Conference.....Dr. Hy. H. McCain

Address of Welcome for the Churches.....Dr. G. R. Mente

Response for Conference.....Bishop Luther B. Wilson, D. D.

FRIDAY, DEC. 1; OPENING SESSION.

9:00 a. m.—Sacramental Service.

10:00—Organization and Business.

11:20—Address by Bishop Wilson.

3:00 p. m.—Missionary Sermon.....Rev. W. E. Harrison

4:00—Pentecostal Service.

7:00—Song and Praise Service.

7:30—Conference Sermon.....Rev. J. R. Basket

SATURDAY, DEC. 2.

9:00 a. m.—Devotions.

9:30—Business Session.

11:20—Address by Bishop Wilson.

3:00 p. m.—Meridian Male and Female Colleges; Presidents J. W. and M. A. Beeson.

4:00—Pentecostal Service.

7:00—Song Service.....Rev. J. R. Basket

SUNDAY, DEC. 3.

9:30 a. m.—Love Feast.....Rev. Wm. R. Chase

11:00—Sermon by Bishop Luther B. Wilson, D. D.

3:30 p. m.—Ordination of Deacons and Elders.

6:45—Service for Young People.

7:30—Conference Prayer League.....Rev. W. E. Harrison

8:00—Missionary Anniversary.....Rev. H. K. Carroll, D. D.

7:30—Educational Anniversary.....Rev. J. F. Boeye, D. D.

MONDAY, DEC. 4.

9:00 a. m.—Devotions.
9:30—Business Session.
11:20—Address by Bishop Wilson.
3:00 p. m.—Woman's Home Missionary Society, Mrs. A. R. Timmons
4:00—Pentecostal Service.
7:00—Song and Praise Service.
7:30—Address on Deaconess Work.....Miss Rebecca Bell

TUESDAY, DEC. 5—LAST DAY.

8:30—Devotions.
9:00—Business Session.
11:00—Reading of Appointments.

ADJOURNMENT.

This Programme is subject to change.

CERTIFICATES OF ORDINATION.

This is to certify that on the 3d day of December, A. D. 1905, pursuant to the action of the Gulf Conference, and assisted by several elders, I ordained as Elders in the Methodist Episcopal Church the following named brethren: William C. Mann, Walter E. Harrison and James R. Basket.

(Signed) L. B. WILSON, Presiding Bishop.
Done at Welsh, La.

This is to certify that at, Welsh, La., on December 4, 1905, the undersigned ordained Robert L. Weldon a Deacon in the Church of God, and J. C. Orcutt as a Local Deacon.

(Signed) L. B. WILSON, Presiding Bishop.

BISHOPS OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Name.	Born.	Entered Ministry.		Consecra'd Bishop... Yr.	Residence.
		Conference.	Yr.		
Thomas Bowman.....	July 15, 1817	Baltimore	1839	1872	East Orange, N. J.
Stephen Masop Merrill.....	Sept. 16, 1825	Ohio	1846	1872	Chicago, Ill.
Edward Gayer Andrews.....	Aug. 7, 1825	Oneida	1848	1872	New York, N. Y.
Henry White Warren.....	Jan. 4, 1831	New England	1855	1880	Univer'y Park, Colo.
Cyrus David Foss.....	Jan. 17, 1834	New York	1857	1880	Philadelphia, Pa.
John Morgan Walden.....	Feb. 11, 1831	Cincinnati	1858	1884	Cincinnati, O.
Willard Francis Mallalieu.....	Dec. 11, 1828	New England	1858	1884	Auburndale, Mass.
Charles Henry Fowler.....	Aug. 11, 1837	Rock River	1861	1884	New York, N. Y.
John Heyl Vincent.....	Feb. 23, 1832	New Jersey	1853	1888	Indianapolis, Ind.
James Newbury Fitzgerald.....	July 27, 1837	Newark	1862	1888	St. Louis, Mo.
Isaac Wilson Joyce.....	Oct. 11, 1836	N. W. Indiana	1859	1888	Minneapolis, Minn.
Daniel Ayres Goodsell.....	Nov. 5, 1840	N. Y. East	1859	1888	Boston, Mass.
*James Mills Thoburn.....	Mar. 7, 1836	Pittsburg	1858	1888	Bombay, India.
Charles C. McCabe.....	Oct. 11, 1836	Ohio	1860	1896	Philadelphia, Pa.
Earl Cranston.....	June 27, 1840	Ohio	1860	1900	Washington, D. C.
*Joseph C. Hartzell.....	June 1, 1842	Illinois	1867	1896	Funchal, Madeira Isl.
*Frank W. Warke.....	Dec. 31, 1854	Ontario	1874	1900	Lucknow, India.
David H. Moore.....	Sept. 4, 1837	Ohio	1867	1896	Portland, Org.
John W. Hamilton.....	Mar. 18, 1845	Pittsburg	1856	1900	San Francisco, Cal.
Joseph F. Berry.....	May	Detroit	1874	1904	Buffalo, N. Y.
Henry Spellmeyer.....		1847 Newark	1870	1904	Cincinnati, O.
William F. McDowell.....	Feb. 4, 1858	North Ohio	1882	1904	Chicago, Ill.
James W. Bashford.....	May 25, 1849	New Eng. S'th'n	1882	1904	Shanghai, China.
William Burt.....	Oct. 22, 1852	N. Y. East	1881	1904	Zurich, Switzerl'd.
Luther B. Wilson.....		1856 Baltimore	1875	1904	Chattanooga, Tenn.
Thomas B. Neely.....		1841 Philadelphia	1865	1904	Buenos Ayres, S. A.
*Isaiah B. Scott.....		1855 Tennessee	1880	1904	Monrovia, Liberia.
*William F. Oldham.....	Dec. 15, 1850	Michigan	1883	1904	Singapore, Str's Set.
*John E. Robinson.....	1849	South India	1874	1904	Calcutta, India.
*Merriman C. Harris.....	1846	Japan	1873	1904	Tokio, Japan.

*Missionary Bishops.

Daily Journal.

FIRST DAY.

WELSH, LA., Dec. 1, 1905.

The Gulf Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in its Third Annual Session on Friday, Dec. 1, 1905, 9 a.m., Bishop Luther B. Wilson in the Chair.

The skies were clear, the day balmy—December as pleasant as May—and the brethren were delighted that the time of our meeting had been changed from February to December.

After singing two selections and being led in prayer by H. H. McCain, the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed.

The roll was called and the following officers were elected: W. E. Harrison, Secretary; John Paul, Assistant Secretary; W. C. Mann, Statistical Secretary; J. W. Hervey, Assistant Statistical Secretary; N. H. Oliver, Treasurer; B. W. Hugg and M. C. Hickman, Assistants.

Louis May was elected Conference Postmaster.

The following were appointed as Reporters: W. E. Harrison, for *Central Christian Advocate*; J. R. Basket, for *Methodist Advocate-Journal*; F. D. Van Valkenburgh, for the *Picayune* of New Orleans.

CONFERENCE REGULATIONS—On motion of Wm. R. Chase, the rules of the General Conference, so far as they are applicable, were made the rules of order for this Conference.

HOUR OF MEETING—The hour of meeting was set for 8:30 a.m., and 11:45 as time for adjournment.

BAR OF THE CONFERENCE—On motion, the first four pews were ordered to be included within the bar of the Conference.

COURTESIES—On motion of N. H. Oliver, Rev. Asbury Wilkinson was invited to sit within the bar of the Conference. On motion of Wm. R. Chase, all visiting brethren were invited to sit with us.

THIRTEENTH QUESTION — Was the character of each preacher examined? The Presiding Elders, J. W. Lively, of Lake Charles District; H. H. McCain, of Marshall District; Wm. R. Chase, of New Orleans District, were called, their characters passed, and they reported their districts.

INTRODUCTIONS—Rev. L. W. Archer, of the Des Moines Conference, was introduced, and J. W. Lively made a few remarks as to some of his experiences in the Civil War.

THIRTEENTH QUESTION—*Continued*—The following effective elders of the Lake Charles District were called, their characters passed, and they reported their works: B. F. Deaton, G. B. Hines, C. A. King, A. E. Ryan, N. H. Oliver. P. J. Robidoux not being present, his Presiding Elder reported his work.

INTRODUCTIONS—Rev. E. R. Houck, from Minnesota Conference, now Pastor at Marshall, was introduced.

THIRTEENTH QUESTION—*Continued*—The following effective elders of the Marshall and New Orleans Districts were called, their characters passed, and, if in charge, made their reports: N. L. Sayers, J. W. Tinnin, M. C. Hickman, J. T. James, John Paul, J. A. Christian, F. D. Van Valkenburgh, Thomas Wilson, Julian Woodson. Wm. R. Chase, being Pastor at St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, in addition to being on the District, reported that work.

On motion of J. R. Basket, it was voted to omit the Conference sermon that had been provided for on the afternoon of the first day.

DIVIDEND—The dividend from the Chartered Fund, \$22, and that from the Book Concern, \$186, were announced, and, on motion, were ordered paid to Rev. C. A. King, Chairman and Treasurer of the Board of Stewards.

INTRODUCTIONS—The following were introduced: Rev. G. R. Mente, D. D., of the Congregational Church, of Welsh; Mr. H. C. Dickout, representative of the Book Concern, and Rev. Asbury Wilkinson, of the Indiana Conference.

Conference adjourned by expiration of time, and Rev. Asbury Wilkinson pronounced the benediction.

FRIDAY.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

SIXTH QUESTION—Who have been discontinued? It was moved and carried that Deloss H. Cassels, on trial in the second year, be discontinued, at his own request.

EIGHTH QUESTION—What members are in studies of the third year?

James F. Ragsdale was called, his examinations reported, and he was advanced to the studies of the third year.

NINTH QUESTION—What members are in studies of the fourth year?

J. W. Hervey was called, his examinations reported, and he was passed to the studies of the fourth year, upon condition that he stand examination upon psychology.

I. J. Coppedge was continued in studies of the fourth year.

TENTH QUESTION—What members have completed the Conference Course of study?

W. C. Mann, W. E. Harrison and J. R. Basket were called, their characters passed, their examinations reported, and, on motion, were passed in studies of the fourth year and elected to Elder's Orders.

Benn W. Hugg, being already an Elder, was passed in studies of the fourth year.

QUESTION FIVE—Who have been continued on trial?

(a.) In studies of first year: R. R. Smith and W. J. Wood, not having been before the Examining Committee, were, on motion, continued in studies of the first year.

(b.) In studies of the second year: Louis May's and Corwin Taylor's examinations were reported and they were advanced to the studies of the second year.

The following were called, their characters passed, their examinations reported and they were passed to studies of the second year, conditioned: J. A. Carruth, on Homiletics; T. E. Webb, on Harman's Introduction and Miley's Theology; T. F. Swanson, on Harman's Introduction and Homiletics. They had not stood examination on these books.

FOURTEENTH QUESTION—Who have been transferred and to what Conferences?

Amedeo Riggio, in studies of the first year, to New York East Conference; Wm. N. Laymance, in studies of first year, to Central Tennessee Conference.

INTRODUCTION—Rev. J. F. Boeye, of Austin Conference, was introduced.

SEVENTH QUESTION—Who have been admitted into full membership?

After singing "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," and prayer by J. W. Lively, the Bishop made an address upon the "Equipment, Personality and Duties of a Methodist Minister." Then the disciplinary questions having been asked and satisfactorily answered, James F. Ragsdale was duly represented, and, being a Deacon under the Missionary Rule, he was elected to full membership in the Conference.

INTRODUCTIONS—Dr. J. J. Manker, Editor of the *Methodist Advocate Journal*; Rev. W. W. Drake, Presiding Elder of Crowley District, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and Rev. C. E. Mock, of the Austin Conference, were introduced.

At this juncture Rev. C. A. King was called to the Chair. The roll was then called, and the brethren who had not handed in their statistics were requested to hand them in at this time.

After announcements, on motion of F. D. Van Valkenburgh, the Conference adjourned after the benediction had been pronounced by B. W. Hugg.

SECOND DAY—SATURDAY.

The Conference opened at 8:30 with devotional exercises, led by G. B. Hines. At 9 o'clock Bishop Wilson took the Chair. The minutes were read, corrected and approved.

INTRODUCTION—President J. W. Beeson, of Meridian Female College was introduced.

THIRTIETH QUESTION — Where shall the *next Conference* be held?

The following places were put in nomination to be the seat of the next session of the Conference: Marshall, Tex., by E. R. Houck; Jennings, La., by J. R. Basket; Hammond, La., by M. C. Hickman.

Marshall, Tex., was selected as the next place of meeting.

ADDRESS—Dr. J. J. Manker made an address, representing the *Methodist Advocate Journal*, and, as an introduction, gave a short account of the Holston Conference.

Bishop Wilson addressed the Conference on the “Religious Newspaper; Its Importance in Church Work.”

After these addresses there was a motion made to make the *Methodist Advocate Journal* the official paper of our Conference. This motion was amended by moving to recommend, but not adopt, as the Conference organ. On motion, this motion was tabled.

SIXTEENTH QUESTION—Who have been located at their own request?

J. W. Tinnin.

FOURTH QUESTION—Who have been received on trial?

J. C. Orcutt's examination was favorably reported, and, on recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations, was not admitted on trial, but the Presiding Elders were authorized to use him as a supply.

J. W. Niell and R. L. Weldon were called, their examinations reported, and, upon recommendation of the Committee on Conference Relations, they were admitted on trial.

TWENTY-THIRD QUESTION — Who are the superannuate preachers?

The Committee on Conference Relations recommended that F. D. Van Valkenburgh be continued in superannuate relation. On motion, action on this report was deferred.

In the case of J. T. James, the Committee recommended that he be placed in the superannuate relation. Report adopted.

Conference adjourned with the benediction by Dr. J. J. Manker.

AFTERNOON SESSION—SATURDAY.

The afternoon session opened at 2 o'clock with singing of “Love Divine, all love excelling,” and prayer by Dr. J. F. Boeye.

The minutes of the morning session were read, corrected and approved.

FIFTH QUESTION—Continued—On motion, J. W. LaGrone was continued on trial in studies of the first year.

PUBLISHING MINUTES—On motion of John Paul, it was voted that the Secretaries be instructed to exclude from the published minutes anything not required by General Conference regulations, and to abridge at their discretion.

On motion, the Conference proceeded to take a collection to defray the expense of publishing the minutes.

TWENTY-SECOND QUESTION—Who are the supernumerary preachers?

On motion, Thomas Wilson was continued in the supernumerary relation, and I. J. Coppededge was granted supernumerary relation.

ADDRESS—Rev. J. F. Boeye addressed the Conference on the subject of "Christian Education," and represented Fort Worth University.

It was moved by A. E. Ryan that a Committee of Five be appointed to meet a similar committee from the Arkansas and Austin Conferences in regard to Conference boundaries.

ADDRESS—On motion, the printed programme for the 3 o'clock hour, which was provisional, was adopted, and President J. W. Beeson, of Meridian Female College, represented both it and the Meridian Male College. At the beginning of this speech the Bishop called C. A. King to the Chair.

After announcements, on motion, the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Dr. J. J. Manker.

THIRD DAY—MONDAY.

After devotional exercises, conducted by B. W. Hugg, at 8:30 o'clock, Bishop Wilson took the Chair, and the business session began. The minutes were read and approved.

REPORTS—The following brethren read reports:

C. A. King, on Church Extension.

G. B. Hines, on Conference Board of Stewards.

M. C. Hickman, on State of the Church.

Louis May, on Sunday Schools and Tracts.

J. F. Ragsdale, on Periodicals.

J. R. Basket, on Education.

J. W. Hervey, on American Bible Society.

G. B. Hines, on Epworth League.

J. C. Orcutt, on Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society.

W. E. Harrison, on Missions.

These were all adopted.

N. H. Oliver reported for the Committee on Auditing Presiding Elder's Accounts that the accounts had been carefully audited and found correct. Report adopted.

C. A. King was nominated as President and Secretary, and the Pastor at Lake Charles, as Treasurer of the Conference Board of Stewards. They were elected.

N. L. Sayers spoke regarding railroad rates, urging the pastors to have their people who attend Conference buy on the certificate plan, that they may get the benefit of reduced rates.

On motion, the Conference proceeded to elect the Board of Stewards. On motion, the number was increased from eight to ten. Five being already in office, five more were necessary. J. R. Basket, N. H. Oliver, John Paul, A. E. Ryan and E. R. Houck were, on motion, elected.

ADDRESSES—Dr. H. K. Carroll, one of the Corresponding Secretaries of the Missionary Society, addressed the Conference, speaking on the fact that our Society has no limitations, but goes everywhere. He gave us some very interesting facts concerning "World-Wide Missions" also.

Dr. Claudius B. Spencer, Editor of the *Central Christian Advocate*, addressed the Conference. He gave us some items that go into the making of a paper, and how it reaches into all the world for news that are interesting facts.

Bishop Wilson gave an address upon the "Elements of Loyalty and Broadness That Enter Into a Preacher's Qualification for Success." The Bishop then led us in prayer.

It was moved that F. D. Van Valkenburgh be placed upon the effective list. The motion did not carry.

INTRODUCTIONS—Miss Rebecca Bell, of the Epworth Evangelistic Institute, St. Louis, was introduced. It was announced that she would speak on "Deaconess Work" at 7 o'clock p. m.

After other announcements, the Conference adjourned by expiration of time, the benediction being given by Dr. Spencer.

NIGHT SESSION—MONDAY.

The Bishop took the Chair at 8:40. The minutes were read and approved.

REPORTS—W. C. Mann read the statistical report. The Bishop remarked that the falling off in collections this year was due to yellow fever and quarantine embarrassments, and to the fact that the past Conference was only ten months. It is also to be added that crop conditions entered largely into it.

N. H. Oliver read the Treasurer's report. Both reports were adopted.

C. A. King read the report for the Conference Board of Stewards, and it was adopted.

On motion of J. W. Lively, the question as to whether the amounts to the Conference Claimants were payable quarterly, or all at once, was left to the discretion of the Board of Stewards.

N. H. Oliver moved that the surplus cash remaining in the hands of the Treasurer, brought about by a discrepancy, be placed in the hands of the Conference Board of Stewards for the Permanent Fund, provided that said discrepancies are not corrected.

C. A. King requested a change of his relation from effective to supernumerary. On motion, it was granted.

E. R. Houck read the report for the Committee on Temperance, and it was adopted.

Upon nomination of the Bishop, C. A. King, J. W. Lively, G. B. Hines, H. H. McCain and John Paul were elected as Triers of Appeals.

COMMISSION—Those named on this Committee of Triers of Appeals were also elected as a Commission on Conference Boundaries, to meet with similar commissions from Austin and Arkansas Conferences.

ELEVENTH QUESTION—What others have been elected and ordained Deacons?

(a.) As Local Preachers: J. C. Orcutt, being duly recommended, and his examinations reported, was elected and ordained.

(b.) Under Missionary Rule: R. L. Weldon, being duly recommended, was elected and ordained.

THIRD QUESTION—Who have been received on credentials and from what churches?

Joseph B. McBride, as a Deacon from Free Methodist Church.

On motion, it was ordered that the minutes recorded by the Secretary be the Official Record of the Conference.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION—On motion of C. A. King, the following were elected as the Board of Church Extension:

Pastor at Lake Charles, President;

Secretary, C. A. King;

T. T. Taylor,

W. P. Dunn,

G. B. Woolman,

C. E. Scott,

W. E. Cline,

B. F. Deaton,

Pastor at Jennings, La.,

Pastor at Welsh, La.

The Presiding Elders.

AGGRESSIVE EVANGELIZATION—On motion of M. C. Hickman, a Committee of Five were appointed on Aggressive Evangelization. The Bishop nominated and the Conference elected the following: Wm. R. Chase, John Paul, J. R. Basket, H. H. McCain and W. C. Mann.

SELF-SUPPORT—On motion of Wm. R. Chase, it was ordered that a Committee of Three be appointed on Self-Support. The Bishop requested that they be elected. H. H. McCain, Wm. R. Chase and J. R. Basket were elected.

On motion, the names of local preachers and Sunday school superintendents were ordered inserted in the minutes.

Louis May read the resolutions, and they were adopted.

On motion, N. L. Sayers was requested to serve as Railroad Secretary another year.

M. C. Hickman was appointed to preach the missionary sermon, with E. R. Houck as alternate.

H. H. McCain read the missionary appropriations.

On motion of J. R. Basket, it was voted that, after the reading of the minutes, devotional exercise, and reading of appointments, the Conference stand adjourned *sine die*.

The minutes were read and approved.

The following transfers were announced by the Bishop: James A. Christian to Austin Conference, Corwin Taylor to Iowa Conference.

After singing "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go," the Conference was led in prayer by C. A. King. The Bishop then made some remarks and the appointments were read.

Benediction by the Bishop.

Bishop's Res. *L. B. Wilson.*
(Signed) *W. E. Harrison*
Secy.
omitted



DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1—Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conference?

Edward R. Houck, from Minnesota Conference.

2—Who have been readmitted?

None.

3—Who have been received on credentials, and from what churches?

None.

4—Who have been received on trial?

(a.) In studies of first year.

Robert L. Weldon and J. Walter Niell.

(b.) In studies of third year.

None.

5—Who have been continued on trial?

(a.) In studies of first year.

Raleigh R. Smith, W. James Wood and Judson W. La Grone.

(b.) In studies of second year.

Louis May, Thomas E. Webb and John A. Carruth.

(c.) In studies of third year.

None.

(d.) In studies of fourth year.

None.

6—Who have been discontinued?

Delos H. Cassels.

7—Who have been admitted into full membership?

(a.) Elected and ordained Deacons this year.

None.

(b.) Elected and ordained Deacons previously.

James F. Ragsdale.

8—What members are in studies of third year?

(a.) Admitted into full membership this year.

James F. Ragsdale.

(b.) Admitted into full membership previously.

None.

9—What members are in studies of fourth year?

James W. Hervey.

10—What members have completed the Conference Course of study?

(a.) Elected and ordained Elders this year.
William C. Mann, James R. Basket and Walter E. Harrison.
(b.) Elected and ordained Elders previously.
Benn W. Hugg.

11—What others have been elected and ordained Deacons?

(a.) As Local Preachers.
James C. Orcutt.
(b.) Under Missionary Rule.
Robert L. Weldon.
(c.) Under Seminary Rule.
None.

12—What others have been elected and ordained Elders?

(a.) As Local Deacons.
None.
(b.) Under Missionary Rule.
None.
(c.) Under Seminary Rule?
None.

13—Was the character of each preacher examined?

Yes. This was strictly done as the name of each preacher was called in open Conference.

14—Who have been transferred, and to what Conference?

Amedeo Riggio to New York East; William N. Laymance to Central Tennessee Conference; Frank F. Fitch to Minnesota Conference; Corwin Taylor to Iowa Conference; James A. Christian to Austin Conference.

15—Who have died?

None.

16—Who have been located at their own request?

J. W. Tinnin.

17—Who have been located?

None.

18—Who have withdrawn?

None.

19—Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints?

None.

20—Who have been expelled?

None.

21—What other personal notation should be made?
The orders of James B. McBride were recognized as a Deacon.

22—Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?
C. A. King, Thomas Wilson and I. J. Coppedge.

23—Who are the Superannuated Preachers?
Julian Woodson, F. D. Van Valkenburgh and Jno. T. James.

24—Who are the Triers on Appeals?
C. A. King, G. B. Hines, J. W. Lively, H. H. McCain and John Paul.

25—What is the statistical report for this year?
See tabulated statement.

26—What is the aggregate of the benevolent collections ordered by the General Conference, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?
\$2,438.

27—What are the claims on the Conference Fund?
\$350.

28—What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied?
\$412.30 received. Paid to Conference Claimants \$350.
Cash on hand \$62.30.

29—Where are the preachers stationed?
See list of appointments.

30—Where shall the next Conference be held?
Marshall, Tex.

APPOINTMENTS.

MARSHALL DISTRICT.

H. H. McCAIN, P. E.,

Postoffice, Hughes Springs, Tex.

Athens, Tex.	Supplied by J. D. Ferguson
Beckville, Tex.	Supplied by Russell T. Pyne
Beaumont, Tex.	To be supplied
Hughes Springs, Tex.	W. C. Mann
Hunt and Emory, Tex.	Supplied by M. A. Farr
La Porte and Texas City, Tex.	Supplied by J. C. Orcutt
Longstreet, La.	Supplied by Chas. H. La Grone
Marshall, Tex.	John Paul
Noonday and Coffeeville, Tex.	R. R. Smith
Overton and Longview Junction, Tex.	T. F. Swanson
Polk, Tex.	Supplied by E. M. Wisdom
Port Arthur, Tex.	A. E. Ryan
Shelbyville, Tex.	T. E. Webb
Terrell and Greenville, Tex.	Supplied by Frank E. Ryerson
Winnsboro and Hopkins, Tex.	J. F. Ragsdale
Woodville, Tex.	R. L. Weldon

RED RIVER DISTRICT.

J. W. LIVELY, P. E.,

Postoffice, Marshall, Tex.

Fort Jessup, La.	To be supplied
Livonia, La.	W. J. Wood
Poland, La.	J. W. Niell
Provencal, La.	Supplied by Newsom Shows
Red River, La.	To be supplied
Saline, La.	To be supplied
St. Maurice, La.	Supplied by J. W. Faulk
Shreveport, La.	To be supplied
Vernon, La.	To be supplied
Vivian, La.	Supplied by Alexander McDow

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

WM. R. CHASE, P. E.,

Postoffice, 1537 Calliope St., New Orleans, La.

Auburn and Smithdale, Miss.	J. W. Hervey and one supply, H. L. Carruth
Bayou Chene, La.	N. L. Sayers
Brookhaven, Miss.	Supplied by R. Z. Germany
Crowley, La.	B. W. Hugg
Ebenezer and Vermillion, La.	Supplied by Wm. Hebert
Estherwood and Gueydan, La.	J. A. Carruth

Gloster, Miss.	W. E. Harrison
Gulfport, Miss.	To be supplied
Hammond, La.	M. C. Hickman
Homochitto, Miss.	Supplied by D. H. Cassels
Iowa and Bell City, La.	Louis May
Jennings, La.	J. R. Basket
Kinder and Oakdale, La.	Supplied by Wm. Bennett
Lake Charles, La.	G. B. Hines
Lake Charles Circuit, La.	B. F. Deaton
Lutcher and Garryville, La.	To be supplied
New Orleans—	
St. Charles Avenue	J. W. La Grone
Italian Mission	Supplied by A. Palmisano
Prairie Hayes, La.	P. J. Robidoux
Raymond, La.	N. H. Oliver
Welsh, La.	E. R. Houck

LOCAL PREACHERS.

Black, J. M.	Hallville, Tex.
Bennett, Wm.	Bell City, La.
Bennett, I.	Bell City, La.
Bruce, G. W. (L. D.)	Provencal, La.
Carruth, S. E., Jr.	Auburn, Miss.
Carruth, H. L.	Auburn, Miss.
Cassels, D. H. (L. D.)	Gloster, Miss.
Coppedge, G. R.	Coffeeville, Tex.
Denning, J. F.	Troupe, Tex.
Dewitt, Wilford	Lake Charles, La.
Ditmar, G. A.	Hammond, La.
Edwards, S. W. (L. D.)	Cardenas, Cuba
Elliott, Cuthbert	Lufkin, Tex.
Ellis, James (L. D.)	Welsh, La.
Evans, D. M.	Surrey, La.
Faulk, Henry	Ebenezer, La.
Faulk, Houghton	Ebenezer, La.
Faulk, J. W.	Brookhaven, Miss.
Germany, Hugh	Brookhaven, Miss.
Germany, R. Z.	Kinder, La.
Gilman, John	New Iberia, La.
Guess, C. M.	New Orleans, La.
Hall, F. R.	Bell City, La.
Hayes, Daniel	Colorado Springs, Colo.
Hoag, M. A.	New Orleans, La.
Hewitt, J. R.	Hughes Springs, Tex.
Hughes, H. R.	Gueydan, La.
Hundley, Charles	Ravenna, Ark.
Kane, J. F.	Auburn, Miss.
Kenna, J. M.	Auburn, Miss.
Lard, Asa	Centre Point, La.
Luneau, D.	New Orleans, La.
Mann, J. K.	Rosedale, La.
Matirne, J. A.	Peniel, Tex.
McBride, J. B.	Gloster, Miss.
McNeil, Dan	

Orcutt, J. C. (L. D.)	La Porte, Tex.
Palmisano, A.	New Orleans, La.
Parker, M. J.	Heartzo, Tex.
Petty, S. F.	Harleton, Tex.
Richardson, W. B.	Furtrell, La.
Shows, N. T.	Provencal, La.
Spindler, C. G.	Meridian, Miss.
Taylor, W. S.	Gloster, Miss.
Walker, J. H.	Pollock, La.
Wilkinson, C. V.	Gloster, Miss.
Wood, H. A.	Auburn, Miss

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

Albritton, Miss Jessie	Lufkin, Tex.
Andrews, L. C.	Gulfport, Miss.
Cassels, J. F.	Gloster, Miss.
Casseis, A. S.	Gloster, Miss.
Collins, B. F. (R. F. D. No. 1)	Hugh Springs, Tex.
Corrington, Mrs. I. N.	La Porte, Tex.
Crowley, J. W.	Harleton, Tex.
De Lord, Oscar	Bayou Chene, La.
Dean, E. J.	Smithdale, Miss.
Ellington, W. D.	Shelbyville, Tex.
Faulk, Henry	Ebenezer, La.
Field, W. O.	Dreka, Tex.
Findley, Alice M.	Iowa, La.
Forsythe, James	Jefferson, Tex.
Gerald, E. W.	Smithdale, Miss.
Hayden, R. W.	Crowley, La.
Hervey, A. G.	Hughes Springs, Tex.
Hebert, Wm.	Texas City, Tex.
Hurlbut, F. E.	Bell City, La.
Hussey, J. G.	Daingerfield, Tex.
Hogaboom, R. A.	Port Arthur, Tex.
Hoyt, W. M.	Esterwood, La.
Hughes, Enos	Shelbyville, Tex.
James, Mrs. Emma	Furtrell, La.
Jones, Mrs. H. P.	Lutcher, La.
Jaenke, Frank R.	Jennings, La.
Kenna, Hunter	Summit, Miss.
Kenna, J. M.	Auburn, Miss.
Lewis, B. R.	Hammond, La.
Martin, Wm.	Goldonna, La.
McNeil, John	Centre Point, La.
Richie, J. A.	Coffeeville, Tex.
Rice, C. N.	Ollie, Tex.
Ritter, Miss Alta	Raymond, La.
Royal, Wm. G.	E. Bowie St., Marshall, Tex.
Robertson, John, M. D.	Melville, La.
Smith, Mrs. A. E.	Bayou Chene, La.
Still, R. G.	Overton, Tex.
Taylor, J. W.	Atlanta, Tex.
Trotter, Alen	Boxwood, Tex.

Weldon, A. J.	Provencal, La.
Willard, E. C.	Welsh, La.
Williams, J. A.	Poland, La.
Verner, Jean	Hallville, Tex.
Lamons, Charles	Fern and Maple, New Orleans, La.
Page, Elizabeth	1537 Calliope, New Orleans, La.



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MISSIONS.

Gulf Conference has cause to rejoice over its record on missions, and yet we should not get so busy rejoicing that we lose our place as a working Conference. Last year we stood first in all our conferences in raising money for missions, one charge giving \$4 per capita. This year the same Church gave \$3 per capita, and the Conference, as a whole, has fallen behind in the same proportion. Yellow fever and decided failure in the cotton crop account for the decrease.

As our fields for missions are continually expanding, and the demands upon us for aid are cotinuously increasing, we urge upon every member of the Conference the necessity of preaching often on missions, and the continued use of all the literature available in educating our people on missions.

We indorse the great missionary work of the Church, and urge every pastor to raise the largest amount possible for the glorious cause.

W. E. HARRISON.
J. W. LaGRONE,
N. L. SAYERS.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

Nearly 14,000 churches have been erected in the United States and its dependencies by the assistance of the Church Extension Board. These churches are of all classes, from the small mountain plan to fine ones, costing not over \$10,000.

The sole purpose of this Board is to give help to those who need it. It hoards up no money in its treasury, but collects with one hand and dispenses with the other.

Its gifts are small and are limited in number only by the amount of funds coming into its treasury. If the Church would give it more, the gifts would increase in number and amount, until all our needy societies were housed.

The Board has been very good to us. The past two years it has said, "give us \$500 per year and draw on us for \$1,600 per year to aid you in your work, and we will collect from richer conferences the extra \$1,100 per year, or if you fail to give us the \$500 we will be just, and give you in proportion as you give us."

The Church Extension Board can give only as it has to give. We fear some of the brethren forget this, and think it an exhaustless fund from which to draw at will. Brethren, we must put into its treasury the small amount asked, if we would draw the larger amount for our needy field.

We urge the Brethren of this Conference to come up with the full amount asked by the Board.

First—Let the Presiding Elders distribute to all the charges the full amount, leaving none unasked.

Second—Let the Pastors instruct the people upon this great subject of Church Extension and give all a chance to contribute to it, and we believe the full amount will be reached.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. KING, Chairman.
N. L. SAYERS, Secretary.
NEWSOM T. SHOWS.

FREEDMAN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

Recognizing the beneficent work of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational Society in the past, and recording our thanks to God for what He has enabled the Society to accomplish, and realizing the necessity for the work of this Society, we pledge our hearty support, and will do our best to raise the amount asked of us for 1906.

One of the strongest words of our Lord Jesus was, "Do unto others as ye would that they should do unto you." Hence we stand for the work of this Society and urge all the brethren to use diligence in presenting this work and its needs to their people.

W. C. MANN.
J. A. CORRUTH.
J. C. ORCUTT.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

As the Bible is the textbook of Christianity, the chart to guide us over life's stormy sea, the seed-corn of the Kingdom, and as there is a need for a wider circulation, a greater distribution of so great a Book, we would recommend that steps be taken by each preacher of the Gulf Conference to meet this need.

The American Bible Society is inter-denominational, and is calling for Christians everywhere to aid in this great work. This cause is the foundation of missionary work, because it deals out the promoter of civilization and Christianity to the heathen of the earth. But this great work has had to be somewhat limited on account of the scarcity of money put into her coffers. We are partly responsible for this limitation; therefore, brethren of the Conference, let us present this cause intelligently to our people and bring up a good collection for this coming year.

J. W. HERVEY, Chairman.
JAMES WOOD.

EDUCATION.

We most heartily commend the excellent work for higher education which is being accomplished for the Church through the Board of Education. We especially approve the emphasis which is being laid upon the Christian ideals. We urge that Children's Day be observed, and that a collection be taken in every charge, according to the discipline.

We commend the "Christian Student" to all our people as a very useful publication, touching the question of educational interests and methods.

We earnestly commend all our Christian institutions to our people of means as a place for investment. The Christian College was never of more interest than to-day. Its work is very essential, not only to our own branch of the Church, but to the very perpetuity of our Republic. There is no finer opportunity for investment than that which is afforded by the Christian school. We are pleased to note that the work of the Board has been helpful within the territory of our own Conference. During the past year students residing in our own territory were assisted to the number of two, and to the amount of \$150. The contributions of our Conference received by the Board were \$37.70. We urge every charge within our Conference to become a regular contributor to this fund.

More and more, it becomes evident* that the watchword of the age is an educated and Christian citizenship. We call upon our people to exert themselves to send their young men and young women to our colleges for higher training and greater usefulness.

Fort Worth University—We are pleased to hear the good news from this University from Rev. J. F. Boeye, who represented the University. The outlook for this University is very encouraging under the new presidency of Rev. William Fielder, D.D. We are in hearty sympathy with this, the only school of our Church in this section of the Southland, and urge our young people to seek its doors and prepare themselves for usefulness.

Resolved, That we invite Rev. William Fielder, D.D., to our charges during the year to address our people on the subject of "Higher Education," and that we assist him in securing students for this institution.

Resolved, That we recommend, as visitors to Fort Worth University, Rev. H. H. McCain, Rev. W. C. Mann and Rev. Wm. R. Chase.

Schools of Theology—The reports from the Schools of Theology of Grant University and Drew Theological Seminary are most excellent. The opportunities and facilities of these universities are unsurpassed. We call the attention of our ministerial student to paragraph 62, Appendix of the Discipline.

Resolved, That we express our greatest sympathy with the most extensive theological preparation possible of our young men who are seeking admission into our ministry, and wish to express our belief that no young man will make no mistake in attending either of these Schools of Theology for the greater preparation for the ministry.

J. R. BASKET.

T. E. WEBB.

THOMAS F. SWANSON.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND TRACTS.

We are convinced that the income of the Sunday School Union should be very largely increased, that it may be enabled to meet more fully the demands upon it coming from both the home and the foreign fields. To this end we urge (1) that the apportionment to the churches shall be not less than one-twentieth of the amounts apportioned for missions.

(2.) We approve and commend the plan proposed by the Secretary, that in our Sunday schools a special class offering be made by every class during the year for the Sunday School Union.

(3.) We commend to our people the whole series of our Sunday School publications, and disapprove of the substitution of any other publications for our own.

(4.) We are in hearty sympathy with Dr. McFarland's plan for a more thorough training of the teachers of our Sunday Schools, and recommend that pastors endeavor to procure for their teachers the "Library" recommended by him.

We recommend: (1) Every pastor should send for a copy of the report of the Tract Society, and for the catalogue of its publications, which may be had without cost. (2) That in all our churches a collection for the Tract Society be taken and an earnest effort be made to largely increase the contributions to this cause.

N. H. OLIVER.
J. W. HERVEY.
LOUIS MAY.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

We rejoice to note the degree of spiritual progress among the people of our Conference. While we are encouraged, we do not overlook the fact that in many places there is a lack of deep spiritual life, which ought to characterize Methodist people.

We would, therefore, recommend the continual preaching of a full Gospel by all our pastors; the organization of class meetings in all our churches; the establishment of family altars in all our homes, and the reading of our Church papers by all our people.

We recommend further that all our people be urged to become more intelligent on Methodist doctrine and teaching.

While we are not here to antagonize other denominations, we are here to teach the doctrines of Methodism and conserve her interests; to crystallize her teaching into practical lives; to bring the lost ones to Christ, and to build up God's cause among men.

M. C. HICKMAN.
R. R. SMITH.
CORWIN TAYLOR.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The desecration of God's holy day, the Sabbath, is one of the great sins of our country. It ought to give the Church much concern. Men, women and children, in city, town and country, are blighting their prospects for eternal bliss through this sin. The highest grade of good citizenship cannot be attained by those who break this law. Therefore, we urge our brethren to impress upon the minds of all our people the importance that attaches to the command, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

A. E. RYAN, Chairman.
M. C. HICKMAN, Secretary.

TEMPERANCE.

We, the preachers of Gulf Conference hereby put ourselves on record as being unequivocally in favor of both temperance and prohibition.

As for the liquor traffic we contend that its prohibition is the only solution of the question. We firmly believe that what cannot be mended must be ended. We not only believe that the saloon must go, but that that which makes the saloon, the distillery and the brewery, must go also.

We rejoice in every movement which looks to the everlasting destruction of the liquor traffic.

We are encouraged in our fight against this when we see the number of prohibition communities in our own Southland where local option has brought about this result. But we pray for the day when it will not be local but universal option.

We regard with disfavor the tobacco habit and urge all our people to be against it by practice and precept.

We urge our pastors to press the Anti-Cigarette League upon the young people of our communities.

E. R. HOUCK, Chairman.

WM. HEBERT, Secretary.

J. W. NIELL.

BOOK CONCERN AND PUBLICATIONS.

We urge all our preachers of the Gulf Conference to purchase their books and other literature from our Book Concern. And we especially urge them to do their utmost to put as many of our publications into the homes of our people as possible. We call especial attention to the excellency of the "Central Christian Advocate," and urge that we make a strenuous effort to put it into each and every home of ours.

We recommend that the Hymnal prepared by the Joint Commission be used in all our Churches and Sunday Schools as far as is practicable.

Recognizing that our Sunday School literature is second to none, we urge that all our pastors see that all our Sunday Schools be supplied with our literature.

We also recommend that the pastors, with their Committees on Tracts, order the best tracts from our publishing house and put them into the hands and homes of our people.

J. F. RAGSDALE, Chairman.

A. E. RYAN, Secretary.

T. E. WEBB.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

We find that we have only thirteen Leagues in our Conference. We attribute this to a lack of knowledge of the good an Epworth League Chapter can do.

Experience has taught us that the pastor can have no assistant more efficient, when properly conducted.

We recommend that our pastors send for Epworth League literature and distribute it among their young people and devote a special evening service to this department of Church work.

G. B. HINES, Chairman.

B. W. HUGG, Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That the Gulf Conference express its satisfaction in having Bishop Luther B. Wilson to preside over their body. His thoroughgoing business methods and kindly spirit are very much appreciated.

Resolved, That this Conference extends its cordial thanks to Dr. Mente, of the Congregational Church, and to Dr. Cooper, the Mayor, for their words of welcome to the Conference.

Resolved, That we thank the editor of the Rice Belt Journal for the space afforded us in his columns.

Resolved, That we express our gratitude to those who opened their homes so cheerfully and entertained us so royally.

Resolved, That we express our great appreciation in having had our Conference changed from the spring to the fall list, and hereby thank our brother, Rev. J. W. Lively, for having represented us at the meetings of the Bishops and for his influence in bringing this about.

F. D. VAN VALKENBURGH, Chairman.
LOUIS MAY, Secretary.
J. A. CARRUTH.

PLAN OF EXAMINATIONS.

Examiner.	Admission.	First Year.	Second Y'r.	Third Year.	Fourth Year.
1| Basket, J. R.	Wesley Methodist.	Montgomery	.....	Hurst I	.....
2| Chase, Wm. R.	Discipline.	Sermon	.....	Steward	Hurst II
3| Garrison, W. B.	Plain account.	.....	Greene	.....	Essay
4| Hines, G. B.	Banks.	Kern	.....	Terry	.....
5| Houck, E. R.	Hill & Swinton	.....	Essay	Fisher I, II	.....
	English branches				
6| McCain, H. H.	Elementary English	.....	Jeavons	.....	Fisher "F"
	English branches				
7| Oliver, N. H.	.....	Miley	.....	Ladd	.....
8| Paul, Jno.	Blaikie	.....	Harman	.....	Smyth
9| Ryan, A. E.	Sermon	.....	Miley	.....	Butler

G. B. HINES, Chairman.

E. R. HOUCK, Registrar.

Each student is required to give a written statement to the Registrar that he has read the books required in the course of study.



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MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

MARSHALL DISTRICT.

The District	\$375	Noonday and Coffeeville..	40
Athens	50	Overton and Longview Jct.	150
Beckville	100	Polk	100
Hughes Springs.....	100	Port Arthur	100
Hunt and Emory.....	75	Shelbyville	40
LaPorte and Texas City...	100	Terrell and Greenville...	90
Longstreet	50	Winnboro and Hopkins..	170
Marshall	100	Woodville	80

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

The District	\$225	Hammond	50
Auburn and Smithdale ..	145	Iowa and Bell City.....	100
Bayou Chene.....	190	Kinder and Oakdale.....	150
Brookhaven	50	Lake Charles Circuit	100
Estherwood and Gueydan.	80	St. Charles Ave.....	325
Ebenezer and Vermillion..	80	Raymond	80
Gloster	100		

RED RIVER DISTRICT.

The District	\$550	Saline	60
Fort Jessup	60	St. Maurice	60
Livonia	60	Shreveport	100
Poland	145	Vernon	95
Provincial	100	Vivian	80
Red River	80		

CONFERENCE BOARD OF STEWARDS.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The amounts received from the several sources are as follows:

Balance on hand from last year	\$79.15
Returned by Mrs. P. C. Chaney	20.00
Interest on Permanent Fund	17.15
From the Chartered Fund	22.00
From the Book Concern	186.00
From pastoral charges	88.00
 Total	 \$412.30

This has been disbursed to the several claimants as follows:

To J. T. James	\$150.00
To Julian Woodson	100.00
To F. D. Van Valkenburgh	100.00
Cash on hand	62.30
 Total	 \$412.30

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STATISTICS NOS. I AND IV, MARSHALL DISTRICT, GULF CONFERENCE, FOR 1905

NAME OF CHARGES.											Benevolent Collections.											
					Church Property.					Missions.					General Conference Expenses							
Church Membership					Sunday Schools					S. S. Union.					Total other Ben. Collections...							
(a) Cash.....	(b) Supplies.....	(c) Special Gifts.....	(d) Sunday School.....	(e) Church.....	(f) Total.....	(g) Paid on old Indebtedness on Church Property.....	(h) Paid for building & improving Churches & Parsonages.....	(i) Probable Value.....	(j) No. of Parsonages.....	(k) Present Indebtedness on Church Property.....	(l) Paid on old Indebtedness on Church Property.....	(m) Paid for building & improving Churches & Parsonages.....	(n) Probable Value.....	(o) Total.....	(p) 100	(q) 1200	(r) 10	(s) 160	(t) 10	(u) 20	(v) 10	
Athens, Tex.....	3	40	21	1	1	500	1	400	235	10	1	925	1	10	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
Beckville, Tex.....		65	35	1	1	5200	1	750	3160		48	1			12	100	1	10	20	10	7	
Hughes Springs, Tex.....	33	173	21	1	6	331	1	110	105	25	10	1	2450	1	17	9	1	20	10	7	3	
Hunt and Emory, Tex.....		31	4	2	1	35	1	15	105	1	10	1			33	20	10	10	20	10	7	
Longstreet, La.....	74	77	3	3	2	110	1	1000	1200	37	10	1			10		5	10	5	10	5	
Marshall, Tex.....	19	193	28	1	2	160	1	300	300		10	1			20		20	10	10	5	10	
Noonday and Coffeeville, Tex.....	3	77	3	3	2	150	1				10	1			5		5	10	5	10	5	
Provencal, La.....	6	30	1	1	3	1	1	4	43		10	1			3		3	10	5	10	5	
Red Rver, La.....		75	1	1	2	1	1	16	130	4	10	1			5		5	10	5	10	5	
Saline, La.....	6	202	3	1	2	4	16			1	10	1			20		20	10	10	5	10	
St. Maurice, La.....		58	2	1	1	10	2	24	24	1	400	1			10	3	10	5	10	5	10	
Shelbyville, Tex.....		58	2	1	1	1500	2			1	100	1			5	5	10	5	10	5	10	
Terrell, Tex.....	2	24	1	1	5	700	2			1	700	1			5	5	10	5	10	5	10	
Troup and Overton, Tex.....	3	58	2	1	1	1500	2			1	700	1			5	5	10	5	10	5	10	
Vivian, La.....	1	63	3	1	1	1500	2			1	700	1			5	5	10	5	10	5	10	
Winnisboro, Tex.....		1133	23	9	15	21550	6	3650	4557	230	3405	17			176	29	109	314	97	11	7	
Total		71	1133	23	9	15	22	24	130	993	17	21550	6	3650	4557	230	3405	176	29	109	314	97

STATISTICS NOS. I AND IV, NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT, GULF CONFERENCE, FOR 1905.

		CONFERENCE, FOR 1903.																				
Auburn, Miss.	28	163	7	29	11	3	15	135	2	2250	1	750	75	200	25	89	2	90	181	10	1	
Bayou Chene, La.	31	155	2	39	4	3	14	112	2	1620		380	50		6	6	1	1	1	1	1	147
Garden City, Miss.																						
Gloster, Miss.	7	149	5	1	4	2	1	6	85							73		73	8	1	1	5
Gulfport, Miss.																5		5	2	1	1	100
Hammond, La.																30	20	30	80	6	1	40
Livonia, La.																						
Lutcher, La.																750	15		15			
Meridian, Miss.																						
New Orleans, La.	6	64	2	2	4	1	12	60	1	47500	1	50	240	195	10		205	13	1	1	7	1
Italian Mission, N. O., La.		13	1			1	3	20	1	6000			400				12	2	14	2	1	5
Poland, La.	10	29	2	1	1	1	16	88	2	2500	1	500	185			8	1	9	5	1	1	1
Smithdale, Miss.	1	65	1			1	5	40	1	1000												
Total	84	761	18	6	84	21	16	88	693	11	64370	4	2450	970	250	1415	433	35	120	588	47	7

STATISTICS NOS. I AND IV, LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT, GULF CONFERENCE, FOR 1905

		STATISTICS DISTRICT, GULF CONFERENCE, FOR 1905.																	
Beaumont..	28																		
Cameron..	78	1		6	2	1	5	35	1	1000									
Ebenezer..	7	180	2	14	2	1	9	55	1	4500	1	1500	55	1436		10	20	20	
Estherwood and Gueydon..	10	46	1			1	5	18	130	1	1500	1	600	8			10	40	15
Evangeline..																	2	2	2
French Mission..																			1
High Island..																			
Iowa and Bell City..	10	50	3		5	2	11	40	2	1800			75	50		3		3	
Jennings..	4	210	1	1	12	5	1	21	175	1	3500	1	2000	64	600	400	150	36	165
Lake Charles..	5	120		1	6	7	1	14	161	1	5000	1	1700	139			351	30	4
Laporte and Texas City..	9	71		3	7	2	18	110	2	2000			250	50	12	9	8	5	5
Oakdale Mission..	17	81	1	1	2	3					1	700				125	10	17	2
Port Arthur..	3	56		1		1	16	105	1	2900	1	750	37	200	396	7	5	10	12
Prairie Hays..																	1	1	
Raymond..																			
Vernon..																			
Welsh..	5	25	2														27	3	30
Woodville..	11	94	2		3	1	1	14	86	1	1300	1	1100	15			10	2	1
Polk..	3	85	2			1						3	2000				17	124	290
	6	95	1	1	1	2	11	88	1	500						30	9	5	2
Total..	90	1294	17	8	56	20	18	155	1108	19	30200	6	7650	650	2336	1149	518	92	389
Marshall District..	71	1133	23	9	15	22	24	130	993	17	21550	6	3650	4557	230	3405	176	29	109
New Orleans District..	84	761	18	6	84	21	16	88	693	11	64370	4	2450	970	250	1415	433	35	120
Grand total..	245	3188	58	23	155	63	58	373	2794	47	116120	16	13750	6177	2816	5969	1127	156	618
Last year..	342	2892	57	28	178	101	59	390	3005	43	108530	17	14640	6625	2215	7991	1914	275	728
Increase..		206	1														18	5	7
Decrease..		97		5	23	38	1	17	211		1	890	448		2022	787	119	110	1016

STATISTICS NOS. II AND III, MARSHALL DISTRICT, GULF CONFERENCE, FOR 1905.

NAME OF CHARGE.	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.										SUNDAY SCHOOLS.											
		Claims.					Receipts.					Support of Presiding Elder.					Conference Claimants.					Current Expenses	
		Total.	House Rent.	Salary	Total.	House Rent.	Salary	Total.	House Rent.	Salary	Total.	House Rent.	Salary	Total.	House Rent.	Salary	Total.	House Rent.	Salary	Total.	House Rent.	Salary	
Athens, Tex.	M. A. Farr.	105		105	47			47		58	20	9	2			2						6	
Beckville, Tex.	J. W. Oliver.	145		145	110			110		35	20	2	4			110		100		50		40	
Hughes Springs, Tex.	W. C. Mann.	560	100	660	560	100		660		56	45	1	1			720	4	4		331	192	12	
Hunt and Emory, Tex.	R. T. Pynes.	130		130	56			56		74	25	15	1			71		100		35	19	40	
Longstreet, La.	C. H. LaGrone.	95		95	66			66		29	20	1	1			87	1	1		50	50	6	
Marshall, Tex.	E. R. Houck.	700	150	850	500	150		650		200	60	40	2			635	2	2		110	105	12	
Noonday and Coffeeville, Tex	R. R. Smith.	310		310	175			175		135	32	20	2			197	2	2		326	235	40	
Provincial, La.	Newsom Shows.	100		100	72			72		28	20	14	1			46				1	43	25	
Red River, La.	James Wood.	60		60	30			30		30	20	15	1							1	9	9	
Saline, La.	H. P. Hughes.	160		160	82			82		78	20	17	2			404	2	2		16	95	6	
St. Manrice, La.	J. F. Ragsdale.	400	84	484	285	84		369		115	55	33	2							31	19	30	
Shelbyville, Tex.	Thos. F. Swanson.	120		120	70			70		50	10	12	1			83	1	1		21	10	10	
Terrell, Tex.	Thos. F. Swanson.	125		125	75			75		50	20	18	1			94	1	1		21	15	6	
Troup and Overton, Tex.	Alexander McDow.	200		258	150	58		208		50	20	12	1			221	1	1		5	30	15	
Vivian, La.	W. C. Timmons.																					4	
Winsboro, Tex.		2210	292	2602	9278	292	2670	929	281	221	18	2784	16	16	16	488140	24	130	993	579	101115	572	

STATISTICS NOS. II AND III. NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT, GULF CONFERENCE. FOR 1905.

STATISTICS NOS. II AND III. LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT. GULF CONFERENCE. FOR 1905